Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : The Municipality is charged less than 4 annas ; only 3½ annas.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : May I know from the member why this reduced rate is allowed to the Railway Stations ?

Mr K. P. Padmanabha Menon : That is to make it conform with the rate at which current is supplied to the S. I. R. in other stations ?

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know whether the rates levied on private consumers here are in conformity with those at which current is supplied to private consumers in British India ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : In many cases they are more favourable and in some cases they are the same.

Arrears due from private consumers for the Supply of electric current.

7. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are any arrears due from private consumers of electric current ; if so, how many of such consumers are Government servants and how many others ; the names of such Government officers and the amount due from each and the period for which they have been in default ; and

(*b*) whether there are any rules laid down by the department in respect of the realisation of the dues for the supply of electric current to private consumers, and if so, what they are ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : (*a*) Yes ; the consumer's addresses as given in their applications do not very often furnish information as to whether they are Government servants or not. It is therefore not possible to state correctly how many Government servants are consumers of electric energy.

(*b*) Yes. The dues are payable to the Superintendent, Trivandrum Electric Supply, within one week of the receipt of the invoice, failing which, the supply is liable to be disconnected.

Pallivasal Hydro Electric Works.

8. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a Resident Engineer appointed by them in connection with the Pallivasal Hydro Electric Works and how much he is paid as salary and other allowances ;

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